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CHENEY DWELLING BURNED

Last night (Tuesday) the beautiful ranch home of Dr. Cheney, three miles north of Willard, burned to the ground.

The Doctor and wife and Mrs. Gregory, who had been visiting them, left the house about three o'clock in the afternoon, the ladies going to the club meeting, and they were joined at about six by the Doctor, and all took supper with Mrs. Brickley and spent the evening there.

About ten o'clock the light of the burning building was seen, and from the direction and location it was known to be the Cheney place.

Doctor Cheney set out at once but reached the place too late to save anything.

The house had been completed only about three months ago, was of the modern bungalow style and was elegantly finished inside.

Mrs. Cheney had been in the habit of keeping her silverware in the bank vault, but having planned to entertain the Ladies' Aid Society, had taken it home a few days before, and the silverware shared the fate of the balance of the household goods.

It is believed that the fire must have been of incendiary origin, as no fire was left in the house, and it must have been five or six hours after they left before the fire started.

There was a little insurance, but not nearly enough to cover the loss—\$900 on the building, nothing on the contents.

Dr. and Mrs. Cheney have the sincere sympathy of their large circle of friends in and around Willard in their loss.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

M. E. quarterly conference will be held in the Estancia church next Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Dr. Bright will preach Sunday forenoon at 11 o'clock.

Notice

There will be a masquerade ball at Goodin's Hall, February 14th.

Lost, Strayed or stolen.—Bay mare brand P. K. on right hip, one blue colt no brand, one blue colt brand P. K. on right hip, one sorrel mare bald face stocking legged with leather halter on brand N. B. on right hip, M. C. on right shoulder, one bay mare star in face no brands with one colt star in face no brands.

Reward \$7.50. C. T. Norman. 4 miles East Chilili.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEST

Roy, N. M., Feb. 5.—The seat of Romigio Lopez, democrat, elected a member of the house of representatives for Mora county, is to be contested in the legislature by his republican opponent, Marcelino Martinez of Wagon Mound.

Mr. Lopez, according to the official returns, had a majority of 35 votes. Martinez, in his contest papers, which has already been prepared, asserts that fraudulent votes to the number of nearly 200 were cast for Lopez. Mr. Lopez has retained former Judge E. V. Long of Las Vegas, to protect his interests before the committee on privileges and elections of the house which will dispose of the contest. He is confident of retaining his seat as are also a host of friends in Mora county. Mr. Lopez being one of the most popular young men of the county.

MAY CLOSE ALL SCHOOLS

Nearly all the outlying school districts of Mora county have received word from the county superintendent that they will be obliged to close their sessions because of lack of funds to pay the salaries of the teachers. The district school directors, especially those in the eastern end of the county, are highly indignant and have sent a petition to Governor McDonald asking him to at once institute an investigation of the affairs of the county to ascertain what has become of the funds. The affairs of the county have been for many years in the hands of one set of officials and lack of confidence, born of some rather raw deals, has aroused the people who are vigorously asking an investigation and an explanation of the county finances.

A HERD LAW PROPOSED

State Senator W. M. McCoy has had prepared a Herd Law for introduction at the coming session of the Legislature. This bill if passed, will furnish adequate protection to the farmer and his crops and will not work a hardship on anyone concerned. Copies of this bill will be cheerfully furnished by Mr. McCoy to those who may be interested, upon application made to him at Mountainair, N. M.

WANTED—Good milch cows Capitol City Dairy. Santa Fe, New Mexico. 2-5d3w1

BIG BANK MERGER

One of the biggest business mergers in the history of New Mexico took place at the close of banking hours today when Joshua S. Reynolds, president of the First National Bank of Albuquerque and Solomon Luna, president of the Bank of Commerce, announced that the two powerful financial institutions had been consolidated and that beginning with the opening hour tomorrow morning, the business of the institutions would be conducted from the First National Bank Second street and Gold avenue, and under the name of that institution.

Mr. Luna and W. S. Strickler will become vice presidents of the First National Bank and members of the directorate.

The consolidation means a financial institution involving more than \$5,500,000 assets and it is the biggest banking concern in either New Mexico or Arizona. It will combine the two strongest and most influential groups in the southwest and will assure to Albuquerque and to the entire state, immediate and widespread development.

The consolidation was completed, it is understood, shortly before noon today, but it was not announced until the closing of the banks this afternoon.

The First National Bank and the Bank of Commerce are the two largest banking establishments in New Mexico and a large per cent of the banking business of the states has been done through them.

It was announced that the board of directors of the consolidation will consist of Joshua S. Reynolds, Solomon Luna, M. W. Flournoy, W. S. Strickler, Frank McKee, Herbert F. Reynolds and Alonzo B. McMillen.

The officers of the First National Bank, it is said, will remain as at present with the addition of Mr. Luna and Mr. Strickler as vice presidents.

The present officers of the First National Bank are Joshua Reynolds, president; M. W. Flournoy as vice president; Frank McKee, cashier; Sam Pickard, Guy Rogers and Al Frost, assistant cashiers.

The officers of the Bank of Commerce are Solomon Luna, president; W. S. Strickler, vice president; Charles V. Stafford, cashier; Ross M. Merritt, Charles S. White and Frank R. Harris, assistant cashiers.—Albuquerque Herald.

The prize on the Essay contest will be given Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the school house. All interested are requested to be present.

BOARD OF REGENTS MEETS

Governor W. C. McDonald met with the board of regents of the University of New Mexico today and went over a number of matters of importance to the institution. The regents present, Rev. A. M. Mandalari, S. J.; R. W. Hopkins and Dr. J. H. Wroth, intimated to the governor that they will resign at any time he is ready to receive their resignations. The regents indicated to the governor that the board should be appointed as quickly as possible in order that no delay be experienced in making plans for the next school year. W. D. McBee of Clovis, who intended to come to the meeting was detained at home and telegraphed his regrets to the board.—Albuquerque Herald.

FOUR GO TO THE PEN

Sheriff Meyer departed yesterday afternoon having in charge George Ford, sentenced to one year in the penitentiary, and to pay costs of prosecution; George B. Brown, sentenced to one year in the penitentiary, to pay \$500 fine and costs of prosecution; Carlos Brito, sentenced to one year in the penitentiary, to pay a fine of \$500 and pay the costs of prosecution; Amado Zamora, sentenced to from one to three years in the penitentiary, to pay a fine of \$500 and costs of prosecution.

The departure, attended by the lamentations of women and children, was a very affecting scene and saddened all beholders. Although such things seem necessary for the good of society, one cannot forego commiseration for the men and unbounded sympathy for the unfortunate relatives.

E. Romero came down on the evening train from Las Vegas.

Attorney Easley of Santa Fe came in on the evening train.

A handsome metal ceiling has been put in Goodin's opera house this week. The walls will be plastered as soon as it can be done without danger of freezing, and the house will be seated with opera chairs arranged in sections so that they can be removed when it is desired to use the building for dancing. It is Mr. Goodin's intention to put on a picture show when the building is finished, and there will be other shows, of course, as soon as it is known that a building is available.

TULAROSA BANK ROBBED

Tularosa, N. M., Feb. 4.—The Tularosa National Bank of this place, was robbed last night of a large sum of money, the exact extent of the loss being at present unknown, and the cashier, H. C. Holloway, was so badly sandbagged by the thieves, that it was feared for a time that he would not recover. He is improving tonight. The robbers entered the bank building in the early part of the evening when few people were on the streets, held up the cashier, slugged him when he resisted and looted the vault. It is believed that two or more persons were concerned in the deed, but after an all day search for a possible clue, Sheriff James Hunter of Otero county, has returned to Alamogordo, completely baffled.

WANTS TO BE LINCOLN STATE

Washington, Feb. 4.—President Taft has been asked to issue his Arizona statehood proclamation on Lincoln's birthday, February 12. The request came in a telegram to the White House today announcing that the election returns were on their way to Washington and would arrive here about Wednesday next. Arizona became a territory during Lincoln's administration.

SOME COLD WEATHER

H. H. Westbrook is in Letts, Iowa, where they have been treated to the real thing in the way of winter weather.

Mr. Westbrook writes as follows:

"This is one of old Iowa's cold blustery winters. The mercury has been 31 degrees below zero. It stood at 10 to 12 below at midday for two weeks, and at night would run down ranging from 15 to 28 below, and one night reached 31 below. When the northwest winds comes tumbling down across us it brings a chill which fairly penetrates the marrow of a white man's bones. Many times I have wished we were back in the Estancia Valley for the winter.

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. T. A. Windsor, yesterday. The ladies spent a very profitable afternoon with quite a number present. Mrs. Windsor served refreshments, after which the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. W. Collier in two weeks, when the Francis E. Willard Memorial program will be given.